

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 19, 2019

“Behold, God’s dwelling is with the human race.”

— Revelation 21:3

MISSIONARIES OF MERCY

Paul’s back! After last week’s “violent abuse,” opponents organized a lynch mob that beat Paul nearly to death. But call Paul the “energizing evangelist,” transforming deadly cruelty into life-giving zeal. Paul’s past courage should inspire our commitment; Revelation’s future “new heaven, new earth” should inspire our optimism. But Revelation’s present assurance, “Behold, God’s dwelling is with the human race,” should challenge us to become “missionaries of mercy.” Because Pope Francis declared that the Church’s credibility is completely dependent on our showing unconditional mercy. Mercy, said Francis, makes the Church, the world, and everyone young again, reawakened to life’s noblest virtues. Fittingly, in today’s Gospel Jesus reinforces that theme: “This is how all will know you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Paul and Barnabas reported how God had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles (Acts 14:21-27).

Psalm — I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — God’s dwelling is with the human race (Revelation 21:1-5a).

Gospel — This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another (John 13:31-33a, 34-35).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week’s Collection	\$2,359.00	\$1,574.00
Number of Families contributing	75	51
Total Pledge for 2019	\$167,031.00	\$163,188.00
Pledged to Date (20 Weeks)	\$61,575.00	\$60,108.00
Received to Date	\$52,560.00	\$43,145.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$9,015.00	\$16,963.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2019
\$97.00	\$4,589.00

Nineteen ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2019
\$470.00	\$23,237.00

Nine people made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$199,700.00
Total Received	\$9,356.00

15 **CHILDREN** contributed \$55.00.

POOR BOX totaled \$84.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass was 80, 7:00p.m. Mass was 120; and Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass was 110.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A little boy broke his piggy bank, took the change and counted carefully. He placed the coins in a jar.

He made his way to a drug store. “What can I help you with, little friend?” the pharmacist asked. “I want to buy a miracle,” the boy answered. “I beg your pardon?” said the pharmacist. “My sister is really sick and my daddy said only a miracle can cure her now. How much does a miracle cost?” “I’m sorry.” The pharmacist said, “We don’t sell miracles here.” “I have money to pay for it. If it isn’t enough...I will get more,” the little boy said.

Next to the little boy was a tall well-dressed man. He looked at him and asked, “What kind of a miracle does your sister need?” “I don’t know,” the boy replied. Tears started rolling down his cheeks. I just know she is very sick. The doctor said she needed an operation but Daddy can’t pay for it, so we need a miracle. Please, I can use all of my money to save my sister.” “How much do you have?” asked the man. “\$1.12,” The boy answered. “Well, what a coincidence,” smiled the man. “\$1.12, that is the exact price of a miracle for a little sister.” He took the boy’s money and said, “Take me to your sister. Let’s see if I have the miracle she needs.”

That man was the director of a reputed hospital. The operation was completed without any charges and it wasn’t long until the little boy’s sister was home again and doing well. “That surgery,” his Mom whispered, “it was a miracle. I wonder how much it would have cost?” The little boy smiled as he knew exactly how much a miracle costs. \$1.12, plus the faith of a little child.

Keep your faith in God and He will never fail you.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. the Family of Pete Anthony Carroll in loving memory of him on the 1st Anniversary of his death;
2. Raymond and Jane in loving memory of Pete Anthony Carroll on the 1st Anniversary of his death;
3. the Family of Jim Carroll in loving memory of Nora Francis Carroll on the 55th Anniversary of her death;
4. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

The Banns of Marriage are announced for the second time for Pat Thomas Costello and Tinsley Sherlock.

MAY PROCESSION

The Crowning of Our Blessed Mother will be held this Sunday, May 19th at 7:00 P.M.

FORGIVE OTHERS

Forgive others, not because they deserve forgiveness, but because you deserve peace.

WHAT HELPS IN YOUR LIFE?

Time, power money and body may not cooperate every time in life, but good nature, good understanding, spiritual path and true spirit will always cooperate in life.

FOR PEACE IN MARRIED LIFE?

To Men:
To keep a marriage brimming with love in the loving cup,
When you are wrong admit it and when you're right, shut up!

THANK YOU to a member for a donation in thanks to God the Father, Infant of Prague, St. Joseph, Blessed Mother, and St. Expedite for a favor received; a member for a donation in thanks to St. the Infant Jesus and St. Expedite; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite for the needy; also to two members for their donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

ADDICTION PROBLEMS Do you have addiction problems? Please call Richard Harmon 803-270-8376.

JOKE OF THE WEEK The schoolchildren were asked to talk about something exciting that had happened to them recently. One small boy put up his hand and announced: "Daddy fell down a mineshaft last week."

"Oh dear!" exclaimed the teacher. "Is he alright now?"

"He must be," replied the boy. "He stopped yelling for help yesterday."

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Monday:** St. Bernardine of Siena
- Tuesday:** St. Christopher Magallanes and Companions
- Wednesday:** St. Rita of Cascia
- Saturday:** St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII;
St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday:** For the suffering souls and the souls most in need.
- Tuesday:** For the repose of the soul of Little Bibbie on her Birthday.
- Wednesday:** In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague for all the sick, and St. Joseph for all the souls in purgatory.
- Thursday:** For the repose of the souls of Kate Hun and Betty Hun.
- Friday:** For the repose of the souls of Apple's Mattie and Katie Riley on their Birthdays.

ETERNAL LOVE

*I walk along a shimmering beach,
Leaving footprints in the sand.
'Tho all alone, I walk with faith
That my Lord will hold my hand.*

*Seagulls float on the updraft breeze
With effortless strength and power.
God's love is like that everyday
No matter the plight, the place or the hour.*

*I pause to watch the incessant surf
Crash gently on the pristine shore.
Eternal is this awesome power
God's love – is even more.*

READERS

Sat. May 18th, 4:00 P.M. Joy & Leah
Sat. May 18th, 7:00 P.M. Christina & Natalie

Sun. May 19th, 10:00 A.M. Jimmy Joseph & Bridgette Anna

Sat. May 25th, 4:00 P.M. Karen & Cathy Lisa
Sun. May 26th, 10:00 A.M. Jimmy Joseph & Bridgette Anna

READERS – WEEKDAYS

- Monday** - Reed
- Tuesday** - Karen
- Wednesday** - Natalie
- Thursday** - Kara
- Friday** - Cheryl

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M. **May 18th**
Front Bridget Ann
Left Cup Winnie Ann

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

May 19th **May 26th**
Pete Man's Nora Pete Man's Nora
Rose Marie Rose Marie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

- Monday** Winnie Ann
- Tuesday** Pete Man's Nora
- Wednesday** Rosie Cat
- Thursday** Betty Jo
- Friday** P.A.'s Ann Marie

BELIEVE IN YOUR SELF

If you believe you are right but still people criticize you, hurt you, shout at you, don't bother. Just remember "In every game, only audience makes noise, not players." Be a player...believe in yourself! And do the best!

BUMPER STICKERS

- I took an IQ test — it came back negative.
- My kid got inmate of the month award at the county jail.
- Trust in God — but lock your car.
- I used to have a handle on life, but it broke.
- Stupidity is not a crime you are free to go.

~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~

GOD IS KIND

Lord our God, Your glory is measureless, Your mercy is without limits, and Your love for us is beyond all telling. In your great kindness grant us and to all those praying with us the riches of Your compassion and mercy. Please grant us this through Christ our Lord. Amen.